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For the Period October 2 to October 8, 2012

Saskatchewan producers have 99 per cent of the 2012 crop combined, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2007-2011) provincial average for this time of year is 90 per cent combined.

The southeastern, southwestern, east-central and northeastern regions have 99 per cent of the crop combined, while the west-central region has 98 per cent combined and the northwest has 97 per cent combined. Producers have almost 100 per cent of winter wheat, fall rye, spring wheat, durum, barley, lentils, peas, chickpeas and mustard combined.

Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as two per cent surplus, 36 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 21 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 36 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and 25 per cent very short.

Livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay, straw, greenfeed and feed grain for their winter feeding needs.

Farmers are busy with wrapping up harvest, bringing cattle home from pasture, and hauling bales and grain.

One year ago

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2011 crop had been harvested, following weeks of warm and dry harvest weather. Crop quality was good.

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Saskatchewan Harvest October 8, 2012	
	% combined
Winter wheat	100.0
Fall rye*	100.0
Spring wheat	99.6
Durum	99.4
Barley	99.0
Oats	97.6
Canaryseed	90.8
Flax	89.4
Canola	98.3
Mustard	98.9
Lentils	99.8
Peas	100.0
Chickpeas	99.9
*includes 16 per cent 'other'	

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Producers now have 99 per cent of the 2012 crop in the bin, up from 98 per cent last week. The frost in the region may hasten harvesting of the flax remaining in the field. Areas such as Odessa received two to three days of killing frost in a row.

The week was characterized by cool and windy weather with scattered light showers and snow flurries. Precipitation ranged from nil to 7mm reported in the Tantallon area. Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 193 mm (Ceylon area) to 540 mm (Tantallon area).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as 23 per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and 28 per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 23 per cent adequate, 50 per cent short and 27 per cent very short. Producers are hoping for significant precipitation to recharge the soil.

The majority of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay (97 per cent), straw (98 per cent), greenfeed (100 per cent) and feed grain (89 per cent) for their winter feeding needs.

Producers are busy finishing up harvest, working fields, hauling bales and spraying weeds.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2012 crop has been combined. Cool, showery conditions in many areas hampered harvest.

Heavy frost was reported in the Vanguard and Cadillac areas. Precipitation ranged from nil to 12 mm (Cadillac area). All areas in CD 3BS received precipitation ranging from 2mm (Vanguard) to 12 mm (Cadillac area). Other areas that received some sizable amounts of precipitation include Frontier (7 mm), Maple Creek (8 mm) and Webb (5 mm). Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 208 mm (Lafleche area) to 469 mm (Cadillac area).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as 7 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 52 per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 10 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 55 per cent very short. The dry conditions are making it hard for producers to proceed with fall operations such as fencing and anhydrous ammonia application. Producers are hoping for significant precipitation to recharge the soil.

The majority of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay (97 per cent), straw (88 per cent), greenfeed (92 per cent) and feed grain (88 per cent) for their winter feeding needs.

Producers are busy finishing up harvest, working fields, hauling bales and spraying weeds.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Almost 100 per cent of the 2012 crop is combined, up from 95 per cent last week. What is left – in areas such as Kelvington, Kuroki and Ituna – are late-seeded canola and flax.

Varying amounts of rain, ranging from nil to 8 mm, fell in the region. In CD 5A, precipitation ranged from trace to 6 mm (Roblin); CD 5B ranged from trace to 8 mm (Sturgis); and CD 6A ranged from nil to 3 mm (Leroy). Since April 1, cumulative rainfall in the region has ranged from 272 mm (Quill Lake area) to 496 mm (Jedburgh area).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as five per cent surplus, 33 per cent adequate, 52 per cent short and 10 per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 35 per cent adequate, 52 per cent short and 13 per cent very short. The dry conditions have prevented some producers from applying anhydrous ammonia.

The majority of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay (97 per cent), straw (98 per cent), greenfeed (99 per cent) and feed grain (93 per cent) for their winter feeding needs.

Warm weather is still needed for some producers to finish up harvest, haul bales and prepare corrals.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Ninety-eight per cent of the 2012 crop is combined, up from 96 per cent last week. Some late-maturing crops remain unharvested due to the cool damp conditions this week.

Varying amounts of rain, ranging from nil to 8 mm, fell in the region. In CD 6B, precipitation ranged from nil to 3 mm (Outlook and Sonningdale); CD 7A ranged from nil to 8 mm (Marengo); and in CD 7B precipitation ranged from nil to 5 mm (Cando). Since April 1, cumulative precipitation in the region has ranged from 318 mm (Netherhill area) to 556 mm (Battleford area).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as 35 per cent adequate, 52 per cent short and 13 per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 34 per cent adequate, 45 per cent short and 21 per cent very short.

All livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay , straw , greenfeed and feed grain for their winter feeding needs.

Producers are busy finishing up harvest, working fields, hauling bales and spraying weeds.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Producers now have 99 per cent of the 2012 crop combined, up from 94 per cent last week. Varying amounts of rain, ranging from nil to 15 mm, fell in the region. In CD 8A, precipitation ranged from 5 (Codette) to 15 mm (Arbofield); CD 8B ranged from nil to 5 mm (Bruno and Alvena); and in CD 9AE, precipitation was reported only in Garrick (8mm). The Alvena area has recorded the least amount of rainfall since April 1 (408 mm), while the Tisdale area has received the greatest cumulative rainfall in the region (624 mm).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as 10 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and one per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 11 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and one per cent very short.

The majority of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay (100 per cent), straw (100 per cent), greenfeed (100 per cent) and feed grain (98 per cent) for their winter feeding needs.

Producers are busy finishing up harvest, working fields, hauling bales and spraying weeds.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Cloudy, cool weather delayed the completion of harvesting, but harvest is still 97 per cent complete. Varying amounts of rain, ranging from nil to 7 mm, fell in the region. In CD 9AW, precipitation ranged from nil to 3 mm (Duck Lake and Rabbit Lake) and CD 9B ranged from nil to 7 mm (Neilburg). Since April 1, cumulative rainfall in the region has varied from 330 mm (Turtleford) to 501 mm (Frenchman Butte).

Topsoil moisture ratings on cropland are reported as 74 per cent adequate and 26 per cent short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 78 per cent adequate and 22 per cent.

The majority of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate to surplus supplies of hay (99 per cent), straw (100 per cent), greenfeed (100 per cent) and feed grain (100 per cent) for their winter feeding needs.

Producers are busy with fall operations, including cultivating out the ruts in fields, bringing cattle home from the pasture and preparing machinery for winter.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress October 8, 2012

Winter Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW*	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	0	0	0	100

* one per cent is rated as 'other'

Fall Rye	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW*	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	0	0	0	100

* four per cent is rated as 'other'

Spring Wheat	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	0	0	0	100

Durum	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	1	0	99
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Oats	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE*	1	0	0	99
SW**	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC*	2	3	0	95
NE	0	0	0	100
NW***	0	1	5	94

* two per cent is rated as 'other'
** five per cent is rated as 'other'
*** one per cent is rated as 'other'

Barley	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	3	1	0	96
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	1	1	0	98

Canaryseed	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	5	95
SW	17	0	4	79
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	9	1	7	83
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lentils	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE*	0	0	0	100
NW	0	0	0	100

* two per cent is rated as 'other'

Peas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	0	0	0	100

Chickpeas	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	10	0	0	90
NE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Canola	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW*	0	0	0	100
EC	0	1	0	99
WC	0	1	0	99
NE	0	1	0	99
NW	1	6	0	93

* six per cent is rated as 'other'

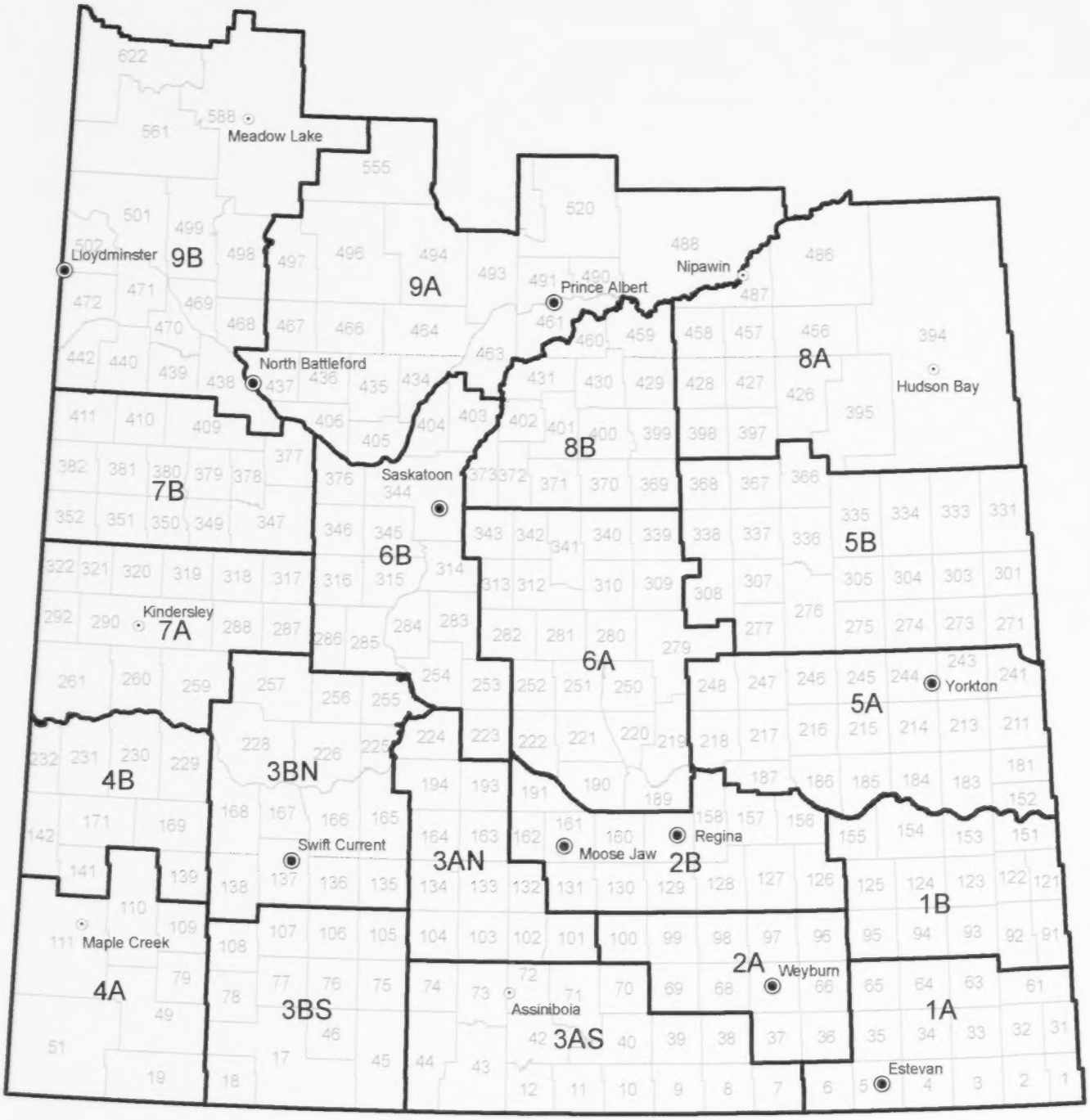
Mustard	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	4	96
NE	0	1	3	96
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Flax	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	5	1	3	91
SW	10	0	4	86
EC	3	1	1	95
WC	30	6	9	55
NE	0	6	1	93
NW	0	0	0	100

Triticale	% Standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	0	0	100
SW*	0	0	0	100
EC	0	0	0	100
WC	0	0	0	100
NE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

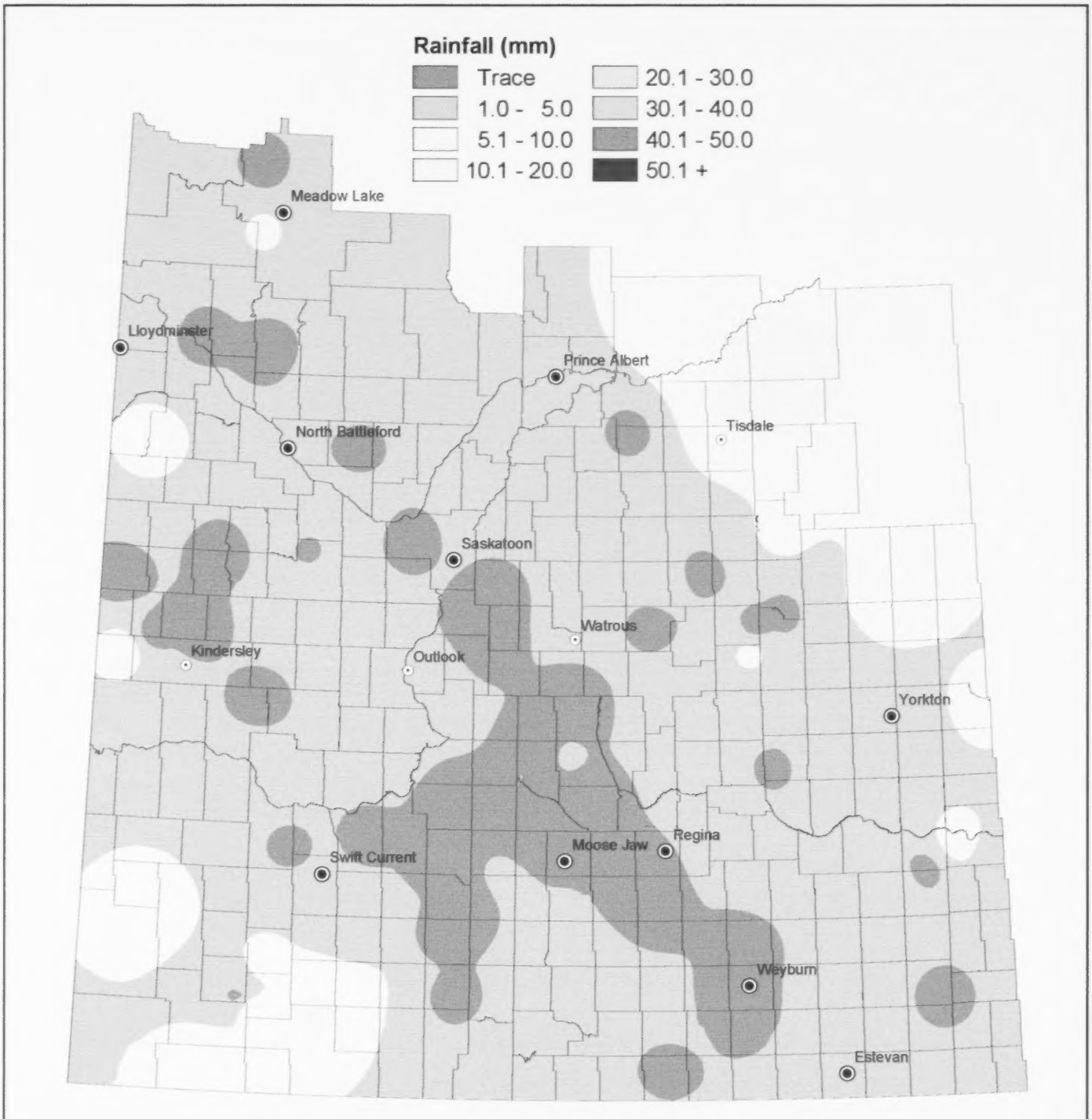
* four per cent is rated as 'other'

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending October 8, 2012



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period October 2 to 8, 2012

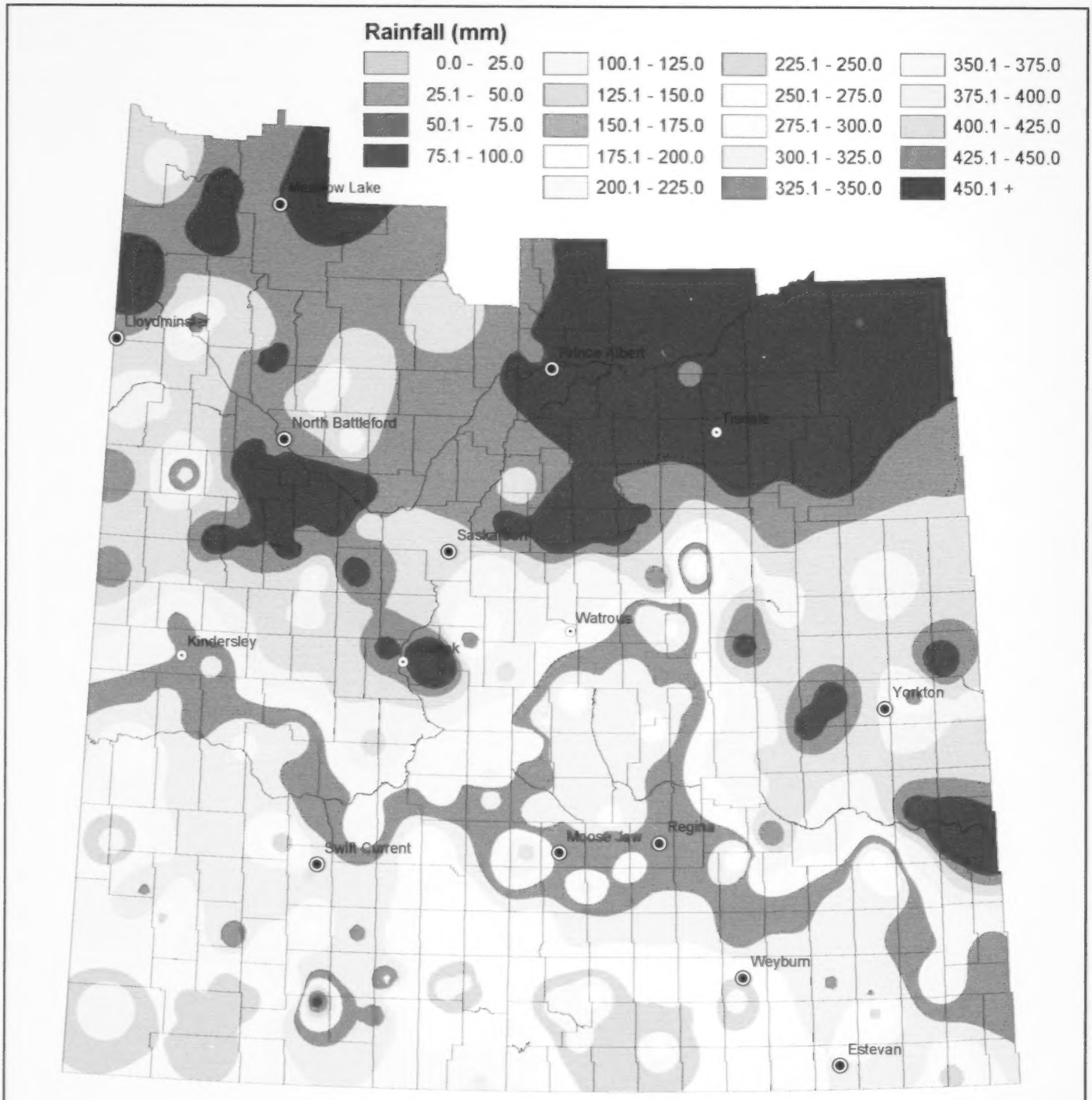
Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	181
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	243
	3	Enniskillen	N/A	317
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	266
	34	Browning	N/A	241
	61 A	Antler	N/A	343
	61 B	Antler	N/A	26
	63	Moose Mountain	0.7	365
	64	Brock	N/A	329
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	326
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	347
	92	Walpole	N/A	302
	95	Golden West	2	303
	122	Martin	N/A	415
	123	Silverwood	NIL	384
	124	Kingsley	3	284
	151 A	Rocanville	7	540
	151 B	Rocanville	3	491
	153	Willowdale	N/A	391
	154	Elcapo	N/A	272
	155	Wolseley	N/A	388
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A
	67	Weyburn	N/A	208
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	254
	69	Norton	N/A	N/A
	97	Wellington	NIL	338
2B	127 A	Francis	3	388.5
	127 B	Francis	N/A	266.7
	129	Bratt's Lake	0.5	321.5
	131	Baildon	1	382
	156	Indian Head	1	449.5
	160 A	Pense	N/A	327
	160 B	Pense	1	335
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	366
	162	Caron	NIL	413.7
	191	Marquis	NIL	309
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	N/A	285
	38 B	Laurier	1	235
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	193
	39 B	The Gap	4	248
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	240
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	275
	40	Bengough	1	215
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	300
	43	Old Post	3	302
	44	Waverley	N/A	264
	70	Key West	N/A	187
	71	Excel	N/A	198
	73 A	Stonehenge	N/A	215.3
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	265
	74	Wood River	NIL	208.1
3AN	101	Terrell	1	317
	102	Lake Johnston	2	269.5
	103	Sutton	N/A	263
	104	Gravelbourg	NIL	259.5
	132	Hillsborough	2	382.5
	134	Shamrock	NIL	258
	164	Chaplin	NIL	249
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	313
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	384
	194	Enfield	NIL	358
3BS	17	Val Marie	12	469
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	5	334
	75 A	Pinto Creek	N/A	359
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	255
	76 A	Auvergne	5	317
	76 B	Auvergne	8	316
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	262
	78 A	Grassy Creek	5	272
	78 B	Grassy Creek	7	227.5
	78 C	Grassy Creek	N/A	233
	105	Glenbain	1	283
	106	Whiska Creek	2	329
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	269.5
	108	Bone Creek	6	280
3BN	138	Webb	5	322
	166	Excelsior	NIL	371
	167	Sask. Landing	1	344
	168	Riverside	0	238
	226	Victory	3	407
	228	Lacadena	3	292
	257	Monet	N/A	313.5
4A	19	Frontier	7	224.6
	49	White Valley	N/A	247
	51	Reno	N/A	200.5
	79	Arlington	NIL	226
	109	Carmichael	25	371
	110	Piapot	N/A	244
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	314
4B	139	Gull Lake	N/A	315
	141	Big Stick	8	330
	142	Enterprise	N/A	215
	169	Pittville	N/A	221
	231	Happyland	N/A	257
5A	183	Fertile Belt	N/A	465
	186	Abernethy	N/A	415
	211	Churchbridge	N/A	418
	213	Saltcoats	4	397
	214	Cana	N/A	N/A
	216	Tullymet	NIL	408
	217	Lipton	2	386
	241	Calder	6	395
	243	Wallace	N/A	342
	245 A	Garry	N/A	467
	245 B	Garry	3	499
	245 C	Garry	4	429
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	374
	247	Kellross	3	379
	248	Touchwood	3	317
5B	271	Cote	N/A	474
	276	Foam Lake	N/A	288.5
	277	Emerald	6	465
	305	Invermay	5	408
	307	Elfros	NIL	445
	308	Big Quill	N/A	292
	333 A	Clayton	N/A	258.8
	334	Preeceville	8	385
	336	Sasman	NIL	380
	337	Lakeview	N/A	377
	338	Lakeside	NIL	272
	366	Kelvington	6	439
6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	321
	190 A	Dufferin	1	315
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	308
	190 C	Dufferin	N/A	274
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	403.4
	219	Longlaketon	N/A	280
	220	Mcdillop	N/A	316
	221	Samia	1.2	299.7
	222	Craik	NIL	378
	251	Big Arm	NIL	283
	252	Arm River	N/A	295
	279	Mount Hope	1	310
	282	McCraney	N/A	406
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	307
	313	Lost River	N/A	300
	339	Leroy	2.8	444
	340	Wolverine	N/A	378
	341	Viscount	N/A	352
	343	Blucher	NIL	373.5
	283	Rosedale	NIL	338
6B	284	Rudy	3	550
	285	Fertile Valley	N/A	458
	286	Milden	N/A	410
	314	Dundurn	NIL	362
	344	Corman Park	NIL	412
	346	Perdue	N/A	472
	376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	406
	376 B	Eagle Creek	3	549
	403	Rosthern	1	448
	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	410.1
7A	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	238
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	320
	287	St. Andrews	1	416
	288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	413
	290	Kindersley	1	318
	292	Milton	8	441.5
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	373
	317 B	Marriott	N/A	411
	318	Mountain View	2	415
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	356
	320 B	Oakdale	1	334
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	372
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	430
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	367
	350 A	Manposa	NIL	480.4
	350 B	Manposa	1	408
	351	Progress	N/A	410
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	439
	377	Glenside	3	515
	378 A	Rosemount	N/A	471
	378 B	Rosemount	5	485
	379	Reford	N/A	454
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	407
	409 A	Buffalo	N/A	556
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	408.8
	410	Round Valley	N/A	316.9
	411	Senlac	N/A	443
8A	395	Porcupine	6	472
	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	463.9
	428	Star City	N/A	447
	456	Arborfield	15	547
	457	Connaught	12	636
	458	Willow Creek	5	434
	486	Moose Range	N/A	472
	487	Nipawin	12	579
8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	452
	370	Humboldt	N/A	471
	371	Bayne	5	548
	372	Grant	N/A	464.7
	402	Fish Creek	5	408
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	480
	459	Kinistino	N/A	623
	460	Birch Hills	N/A	499.1
9AE	461	Prince Albert	N/A	471
	488	Torch River	8	453
	491	Buckland	N/A	447.9
9AW	406	Mayfield	N/A	454
	435	Redberry	N/A	450
	436	Douglas	NIL	386
	463	Duck Lake	3	437
	464	Leask	N/A	15
	467 A	Round Hill	N/A	390
	467 B	Round Hill	3	384
	494	Canwood	N/A	409
	497	Medstead	N/A	447
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	448
	440	Hillsdale	7	406
	442	Manitou Lake	N/A	378
	468 B	Meota	N/A	38
	498 A	Parkdale	N/A	494
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	390
	499	Mervin	N/A	419.6
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	N/A	424
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	330
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	5	501
	561	Loon Lake	4	474
	588 A	Meadow Lake	3	495
	588 B	Meadow Lake	1	461
	588 C	Meadow Lake	6	434
	588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	437.1
	622	Beaver River	2	386

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012
To: October 8, 2012



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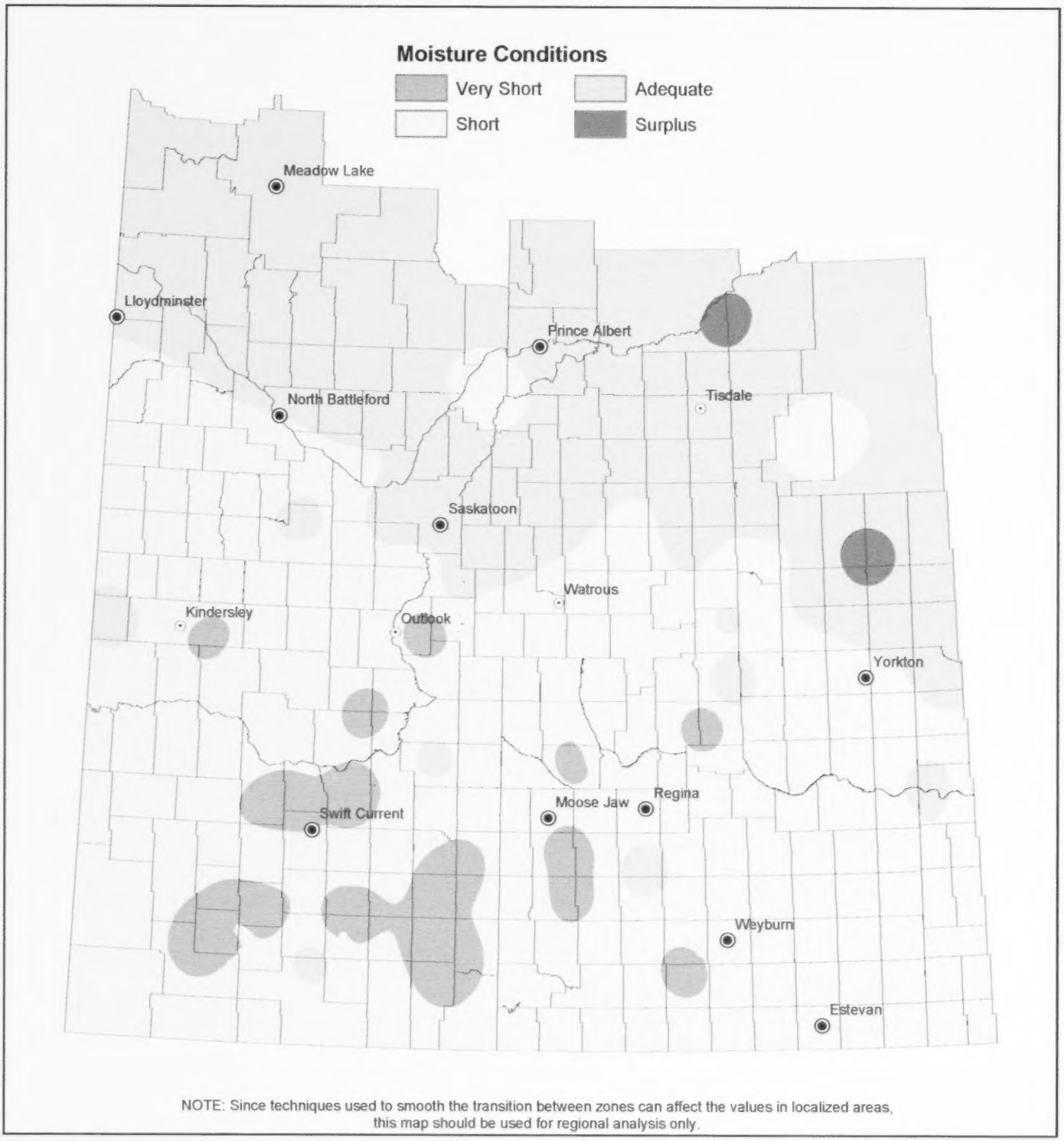
Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

October 9, 2012



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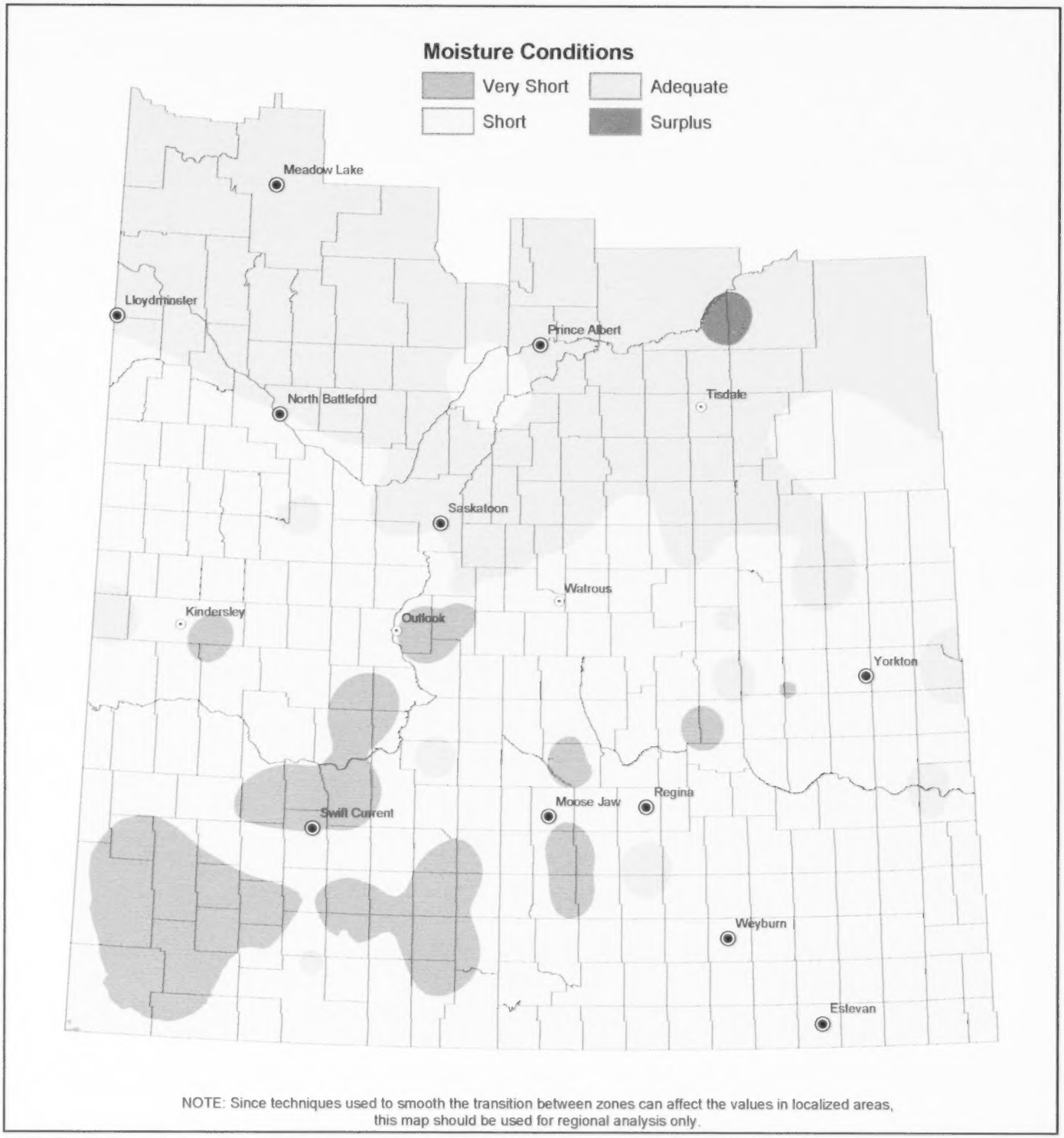
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

October 9, 2012



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Kilometers

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Projection: UTM Zone 13 Datum: NAD83

Data Source:
Moisture - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

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